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To: Examiner R. Covington

Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/089,961

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Dear Examiner:

You had informed us that a new, corrected Notice of Allowance for the above-identified patent application had been mailed out May 13. However we have not received it. Please fax a copy of the Notice tomorrow, 5/25. We have been requesting the correction since March. As the original, faulty Notice of Allowance is due 5/26, it is imperative that I resolve this situation tomorrow. Your cooperation would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Elaine M. Ramesh